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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN GUYANA

UNITED STATES U.N. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM GUYANA AFTER A 21-HOUR OFFICIAL VISIT STATED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN GEORGETOWN THAT "DEMOCRACY IS VERY MUCH ON TRIAL IN THE CARIBBEAN AND THAT THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF DEMOCRACY IS TIED TO THE CAPACITY OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS TO SOLVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, AND THAT THOSE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, IN A SENSE ARE A BROADER PART OF THE SO-CALLED NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. ESSENTIALLY THEY REVOLVE AROUND THINGS AS SIMPLE AS THE PRICE OF COFFEE OR SUGAR WHICH DETERMINES THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF WHOLE NATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN."...."I THINK THERE IS A GREATER SENSITIVITY TO THIS KIND OF PROBLEM OF PRICE AND PRODUCTION STABILITY OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES THAN WE HAVE EVER HAD BEFORE IN THE U.S. AND SO I THINK I DID NOT SEE THE

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EXTENT TO WHICH THOSE TWO FACTORS WERE INTERTWINED AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT'S POSSIBLE TO REACH POLITICAL SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THOSE PROBLEMS AS A RESULT OF THE WORK WE ARE DOING IN THE U.N. SYSTEM ESPECIALLY THROUGH UNCTAD AND ALSO THROUGH THE NEGOTIATION OF SAY, A SUGAR AGREEMENT."

ASKED TO EXPLAIN WHAT HE MEANT BY DEMOCRACY

AMB. YOUNG SAID: "I AM TALKING ABOUT THE RIGHT TO VOTE, AND THE RIGHT TO HAVE FREE SPEECH, AND FREE NEWSPAPERS. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE , YOU KNOW, THE TOTAL CAPACITY TO LIVE A LIFE THAT'S NOT CONTROLLED BY THE STATE, OR BY A SINGLE PARTY."

REFERRING TO HIS TRIP AMB. YOUNG SAID HE REGARDED IT AS ONE MORE IMPORTANT PIECE IN THE PUZZLE OF HOW THE U.S. RELATES TO THE CARIBBENA. HE MENTIONED THAT GUYANA HAS ALWAYS CONTRIBUTED TO INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP IN THE U.N. SYSTEM AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE TO THE THINKING THAT HAS MOBILIZED AND MOTIVATED THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE MAJORITY OF THE U.N. SYSTEM. HE CONSIDERED HIS VISIT VERY BENEFICIAL BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN PROVIDED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN POLICY AND SOME OF THE DEVELOPMENTS IN GUYANA FROM THE U.S. POINT OF VIEW AND FROM THE POINTS OF VIEW OF GUYANA'S PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTERS OF GOVERNMENT.

HE ADDED THAT THE PRESENCE OF MR. ABELARDO VALDEZ, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA, U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, WAS INDICATIVE OF U.S. INTEREST IN HELPING GUYANA THROUGH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. MR. VALDEZ THEN SPOKE AND INDICATED THAT RECENT USAID PROGRAMS IN GUYANA HAVE BEEN VERY MODEST DUE TO PROBLEMS BETWEEN GUYANA AND THE PAST U.S. ADMINISTRATION. HE ADDED THAT THERE IS NOW AN ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION AND THAT AID CAN BE RESPONSIVE TO SOME OF GUYANA'S ECONOMIC UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT NEEDS.

AMB. YOUNG POINTED OUT THAT CAPITAL FINANCING FROM THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO COME ESSENTIALLY FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND HE HAD NO CONTROL OVER THAT. HOWEVER, HE WILL DISCUSS HIS TRIP WITH LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE U.S.

HE STATED THAT THE U.S. IS CONCERNED WITH A REGIONAL APPROACH TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND NOT INFLUENCING OR DOMINATING SOMEBODY ELSE'S POLITICS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF THE COUNTRIES OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN COULD COME TOGETHER AND THE U.S. WERE PART OF A REGIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME ALONG WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, THEN THAT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE. HE CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT TOO OFTEN SLOGANS HAVE BEEN POPULARIZED WITHOUT ANY RESULTS. THE BASIS OF GOOD U.S.-CARIBBEAN RELATIONS HAS TO BE MUTUAL ECONOMIC RESPECT AND INTERDEPENDENCE. THE ONLY DEMOCRACIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE ARE IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN, THE U.S. AND CANADA, WHICH HAVE PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEMS AND CIVIL SERVICE TRADITIONS WHICH ARE VERY VALUABLE TO THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

"THE U.S. FRANKLY NEGLECTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF FREE SOCIETIES AS WE SOUGHT ONLY TO OPPOSE TOTALITARIANISM. I

THINK WHAT WE ARE SAYING IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS THAT IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO OPPOSE TOTALITARIANISM-IT'S IMPORTANT TO POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FREE SOCIETY AND HOW THAT HAPPENS IN THE CARIBBEAN IS UP TO THE PEOPLE IN THE CARIBBEAN," HE SAID.

"I THINK I APPRECIATE SIMPLY THE MEETING OF CARIBBEAN PRESIENTS TO INTERVENE IN A KIND OF MODERATING ROLE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PANAMA ON THE QUESTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL. I THINK THAT WAS A VERY EFFECTIVE AD HOC COMING TOGETHER. I THINK THAT MAYBE IT MIGHT START THAT WAY AND EVOLVE INTO SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE STRUCTURED. THERE ARE ALSO ALREADY STRUCTURED INSTITUTIONS WHICH RELATE TO THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND I THINK WE WOULD BE ENCOURAGING OF THOSE."

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IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON THE CUBANA AIRLINER DISASTER OF OCTOBER 6, 1976, AMB. YOUNG SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD INSTRUCTED THE DIRECTOR OF THE CIA TO GIVE HIM A REPORT ON THE OPERATIONS OF ANTI-CASTRO TERRORISTS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. AS REGARDS THE GROWING TIES OF FREIDSHIP WITH CUBA AND THE CARIBBBEAN, AMB. YOUNG INDICATED THAT THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA IS BEING MUCH MORE OBJECTIVELY ANALYSED AND THAT THERE IS CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE CARIBBEAN. HE ADDED THAT WE VIEW LEADERS IN THE CARIBBEAN WITH AS MUCH RESPECT AS WE VIEW ANYBODY ELSE. REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON HIS MEETING IN GEORGETOWN WITH

RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO, HE SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WHAT DIPLOMATIC ASSISTANCE THE U.S. MIGHT GIVE TO THE PROBLEMS ZIMBABWE FACES. HE ADDED THAT ONLY FOUR OF ALL THE AFRICAN STATES ATTAINED INDEPENDENCE THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE AND SUGGESTED THAT DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE ABANDONED IN THE AFRICAN STRUGGLE. THE U.S. IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO UTILIZE ITS DIPLOMATIC POWER TO BRING ABOUT SOLUTIONS

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TO SOUTHERN AFRICA'S PROBLEMS. EXCERPTS OF AMB. YOUNG'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE BROADCAST BY GOG RADIO STATION GBS AND PRIVATELY OPERATED RADIO DEMERARA DURING REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENING NEWSCASTS ON AUGUST 10 AND MORNING OF AUGUST 11. EARLIER IN THE DAY AMB. YOUNG COMPLETED A BUSY SCHEDULE WHICH INCLUDED A LAYING OF A WREATH AT THE 1763 MONUMENT IN GEORGETOWN, A TOUR OF THE UNDP-ASSISTED TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY PROJECT, THE USAID-ASSISTED EAST COAST ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND A VISIT TO THE CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING COMMUNITY OF MELANIE DAMISHANA APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOMETERS EAST OF GEORGETOWN. AMBASSADOR YOUNG ALSO HAD MEETINGS WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM AND FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS.

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